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Thank you for returning for more research into your Guthrie and Corcoran lines. In this round, we will confirm data from the chart you provided for the Guthrie line and continue researching from there. We will also continue researching the Corcoran family and obtain property maps. Finally, we will set a plan for researching the Russell line should the County Cork South records become available. Originally, you had asked us to reorganize the information from your Master Genealogist file. However, we were unable to open the one you sent, and we have not yet received a useable copy from you. You have authorized 15 hours and approximately 20 Irish records to complete these tasks.

## Research Report

### Guthrie Family

We began by addressing the questions you had about John Joseph Guthrie. As of 1824, someone who filed a Declaration of Intention only needed to reside in the country for two years before filing his final papers. Often immigrants began the process very shortly upon arrival. It was not until 1906 that someone needed to live in the country two years before filing a Declaration of Intention and five years to file final papers.

To see if John Guthrie had actually travelled to the United States prior to the first passenger list we found for him in 1899, we searched the Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts city directories (as you suggested). There was a John J. Guthrie, hackman/hack driver, at 105 Cambridge Street (boarding at 52 Winter Street then 8 First Street) from 1894 through 1896.<sup>1</sup> He was not in the directory for 1897, but he was listed at 105 Bridge Street (boarding at 8 First Street) for 1898 and 1899.<sup>2</sup> In 1902 and 1903,

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<sup>1</sup> *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1894), 229. [Document A] *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1895), 234. [Document B] *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1896), 250. [Document C]

<sup>2</sup> *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1898), 254. [Document D] *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1899), 243. [Document E]



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John Guthrie was at the same addresses;<sup>3</sup> not 418 Columbia Street like claimed on the naturalization index card.<sup>4</sup> According to the 1904 city directory, John J. Guthrie, motorman, was at 11 Gerry Street.<sup>5</sup> There was also an Edward Grant living at 71 Gerry Street that year.<sup>6</sup> John J. Guthrie lived at 34 Ash Street by 1910,<sup>7</sup> and in that city directory, Edward Grant resided at 11 Gerry Street.<sup>8</sup> This seemed to indicate that John J. Guthrie was in Massachusetts as early as 1894.

We searched for John Guthrie residing in Cambridge in the 1900 U.S. Federal Census. This truck driver was born in Ireland, June 1870. He claimed to have immigrated in 1890 and stated that he had naturalized. The birth place and month fit, but the years of birth and immigration were five years too early. In addition, this John J. Guthrie had a wife, Catherine A. (Barry) Guthrie, who married him circa 1894, and four children.<sup>9</sup> To see if this family was still in the area (either together or without John J. Guthrie), we checked the 1910 U.S. Federal Census. We found the entire family along with another daughter residing in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.<sup>10</sup> We then located the marriage record between John Joseph Guthrie and Catherine A. Barry. The two wed in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, 14 January 1894. John's parents were named Thomas

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<sup>3</sup> *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1902), 235. **[Document F]** *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1903), 311. **[Document G]**

<sup>4</sup> John Guthrie card, Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791-1906, microfilm publication M1299, roll 71 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives).

<sup>5</sup> *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1904), 307. **[Document H]**

<sup>6</sup> *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1904), 302. **[Document H]**

<sup>7</sup> *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1910), 307. **[Document I]** John J. Guthrie household, 1910 U.S. Census, Ward 9, Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Enumeration District 778, Supervisor's District 119, sheet 13A, Dwelling No. 222, Family No. 337, microfilm publication T624, roll 596 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives).

<sup>8</sup> *The Cambridge Directory* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: W.A. Greenough & Co., 1910), 302. **[Document I]**

<sup>9</sup> John J. Guthrie household, 1900 U.S. Census, Population Schedule, Block P, Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Enumeration District 699, sheet 19A, Dwelling No. 261, Family No. 390, microfilm publication T623, roll 657 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives). **[Document J]**

<sup>10</sup> John J. Guthrie household, 1910 U.S. Census, Population Schedule, Ward 18 Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, Enumeration District 1527, Supervisor's District 118, sheet 22A, Dwelling No. 107, Family No. 408, microfilm publication T624, roll 621 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives). **[Document K]**



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and Ellen (Ryan) Guthrie, and he was born in County Clare, Ireland.<sup>11</sup> This meant that there was in fact another John J. Guthrie living in the Cambridge area at the time of John Joseph “Jack” Guthrie’s arrival. However, considering the similar dates, locations, and even the shared residence between this John J. Guthrie and Edward Grant at 11 Gerry Street, it was very possible that the two men with the same name were close relatives.

We decided not to follow this lead or further verify John Joseph Guthrie’s arrival at this time since we needed the time for the Irish research you originally requested. For this, we went through the records that had already been gathered for this family and compared them to the lineage you provided. We had Dennis Guthrie’s death record indicating his death in Killinaboy, Corrofin District, County Clare, Ireland, 18 June 1896 at the age of 56; making his birth year approximately 1840.<sup>12</sup> You supplied the date of 21 September 1867 including witnesses for the marriage between Dennis Guthrie and Mary Curtin so it seemed like you may already have proof of that event.<sup>13</sup> We verified this marriage through the *FamilySearch.org* database of Ireland Marriages, 1619-1898. There we confirmed that Denis Guterie, son of Denis, and Mary Curtin, daughter of Pat, married in Corrofin, County Clare, Ireland, 21 September 1867.<sup>14</sup>

You also supplied the death for Mary (Curtin) Guthrie in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts in 1927. We confirmed this in the index to the Massachusetts vital records.<sup>15</sup> Obtaining the actual death record from the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics should provide at least an approximate birth year and location for the deceased as well confirming her parents’ names. (Please see *Suggestions for Further Research*.) In the meantime, we knew from the 1910 U.S. Federal Census that she was

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<sup>11</sup> John Joseph Guthrie and Katharine A. Barry marriage record (1894). *Massachusetts vital records, 1841-1910: marriages, volume 443*, page 311. On microfilm (Boston: NEHGS) as found on *AmericanAncestors.org*. **[Document L]**

<sup>12</sup> Denis Guthrie death record (1896), Corrofin Registration District Deaths, The General Register Office of Ireland, Roscommon, Ireland.

<sup>13</sup> John Guthrie, <http://guthriechronicles.com/guthrieweb.html>

<sup>14</sup> Denis Guterie and Mary Curtin marriage (1867), Ireland Marriages, 1619-1898, <https://familysearch.org/>. **[Document M]**

<sup>15</sup> Mary (Curtin) Guthrie (1927). *Massachusetts vital records: index to deaths in Massachusetts, 1926-1930, volume 83, Emmons-Hinton* (Boston: Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Registry of Vital Records and Statistics). **[Document N]**



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born in Ireland, circa 1848.<sup>16</sup> We searched the *FamilySearch.org* database of Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881 but could not find Mary Curtin, child of Patrick and Joan.

Moving back a generation, we looked to confirm that Dennis Guthrie and Honor Joyce were both born circa 1800, married circa 1830, and died circa 1870. We could not find either of them in the civil birth, marriage, and death record indexes. Neither appeared in the *Ancestry.com* databases of Ireland, Catholic Parish Baptisms, 1742-1881, Ireland, Catholic Parish Marriages and Banns, 1742-1884, Ireland, Catholic Parish Deaths, 1756-1881.

Since you supplied the fact that Guthrie was a synonym of Lahiff, we took another look through the civil records under that surname. According to the *Encyclopedia of American Family Names*, Guthrie was

“derived from the Gaelic name *Ó Flaithimh*, meaning "descendant of Flaitheamh" (H&H), which is a first name meaning prince. The name Guthrie came about when *Ó Flaithimh* was confused with the Gaelic word *Laithigh*, meaning mud, which was then associated with gutters.”<sup>17</sup>

While we did not identify any records for Denis or Honor under the surname Lahiff, we did find a family in Corrofin which may connect to the Guthrie and Curtin families we have been researching. John and Mary (Curtin) Lahiff had a daughter named Honor on 12 April 1871,<sup>18</sup> and she may have been the Norah Lahiff who died between July and September 1894.<sup>19</sup> The couple had an older daughter, Ellen, born 2 September 1864 so they started their family a bit earlier than Dennis and Mary (Curtin) Guthrie.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>16</sup> John J. Guthrie household, 1910 U.S. Census, Ward 9, Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, Enumeration District 778, Supervisor's District 119, sheet 13A, Dwelling No. 222, Family No. 337, microfilm publication T624, roll 596 (Washington, D.C.: National Archives).

<sup>17</sup> H. Amanda Robb and Andrew Chesler, *Encyclopedia of American Family Names* (New York: HarperCollins, 1995), 270.

<sup>18</sup> Honor Lahiff birth (1871), Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881, <https://familysearch.org/>.

**[Document O]**

<sup>19</sup> Norah Lahiff death (1894), Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958, <https://familysearch.org/>.

**[Document P]**

<sup>20</sup> Ellen Lahiff birth (1864), Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881, <https://familysearch.org/>. **[Document**

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In fact, we could not find any births, marriages, or deaths for County Clare, Ireland in the above mentioned databases. We checked the two largest online repositories of Irish records, *IrishGenealogy.ie* and *RootsIreland.ie*, and found that Catholic records for County Clare are not available online at all. Two other websites feature donated transcriptions of County Clare, Ireland church records. The Irish Church Records page of *RootsWeb.com* has some records from the Diocese of Killaloe, but none of them are for the families we researched. The County Clare CMC Record Project (*CMCRP.net*) features christenings, marriages, cemetery records, and deaths, but again, none of them matched the surnames we searched. The Clare County Library website features some databases, but none are for the kinds of records we sought. The Ireland GenWeb Project only features links to some of these other organizations' websites. According to the Family History Library catalog, the only records filmed for Killinaboy were the 1901 and 1911 census records. It appears that the only way to access the indexes and Roman Catholic church records for County Clare (and the Diocese of Killaloe in particular) would be through the National Library of Ireland or the Clare Heritage and Genealogical Centre. For both, you would need to hire a local researcher. (Please see *Suggestions for Further Research.*)

As for the maternal side, we found that a Patrick Curtin died between April and June 1887 at the age of 76; making his birth circa 1811.<sup>21</sup> We did find a Susan Curtin, who died in Ennistimon (Ennistymon or Kilmanaheen Parish), County Clare, Ireland between April and June 1882 at the age of 72; making her birth year approximately 1810.<sup>22</sup> We also found a Susan Curtin who died in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland between October and December 1882 at the age of 82; making her birth year about 1800.<sup>23</sup> We ordered all three of these records from the Ireland Civil Registration Office to see if we could establish the deceased as the parents of Mary (Curtin) Guthrie and gather more about each of them. These records have not yet arrived but we will forward them to you when they do.

Lastly, we checked for Denis/Dennis Guthrie in Griffith's Valuation since that would link us to a map of the property. However, we could not find him or his wife/widow as an

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<sup>21</sup> Patrick Curtin death (1887), Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958, <https://familysearch.org/>.

**[Document R]**

<sup>22</sup> Susan Curtin death (1882), Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958, <https://familysearch.org/>.

**[Document S]**

<sup>23</sup> Susan Curtin death (1882), Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958, <https://familysearch.org/>.

**[Document T]**



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occupier or lessor. There were 22 matches for the name Patrick Curtin, but none of them were specifically in the Corrofin district. Without the map reference letters and numbers, we would be unable to map the exact plots of land. At best, we could gather maps of the townland and parish in County Clare.

## Corcoran Family

When we last researched the Corcoran family for you, the Roman Catholic marriages for County Waterford, Ireland were not available online. We looked for any updates but saw that only the baptisms or births for that county appeared. This meant that we still could not use the marriage record between Patrick Corcoran and Ellen Ahearn to identify their parents.

Instead, we searched the Griffith's Valuation to see which Corcoran and Ahearn families resided in the Lismore district of County Waterford when it was taken between 1848 and 1864. We found at least three listings for the name John Corcoran as occupier or lessor for land in Ballygally East, Ballyin Upper, and Montarriv West.<sup>24</sup> Eliza Corcoran occupied a house, yard, and small garden on Chapel Street in the town of Lismore.<sup>25</sup> Finally, Bartholomew Corcoran occupied a house, offices, and land in Curraheen South.<sup>26</sup> Patrick Corcoran's eldest son was named Bartholomew and was born in Curraheen in 1864.<sup>27</sup> According to Irish naming patterns, the oldest son was usually named for the father's father. This meant that there was a very good chance that

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<sup>24</sup> Richard Griffith, *General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland...Barony of Coshmore and Coshbride...County Waterford* (Dublin: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1851), 29-30, for John Corcoran, occupier and lessor, Ballygally East and Ballyin Upper, Lismore and Mocollop Parish; "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864," digital images, as found on *Ancestry.com*. [Document U] and Richard Griffith, *General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland... Barony of Coshmore and Coshbride ... County Waterford* (Dublin: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1851), 91, for John Corcoran, occupier, Monatarriv West, Lismore and Mocollop Parish; "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864," digital images, as found on *Ancestry.com*. [Document V]

<sup>25</sup> Richard Griffith, *General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland... Barony of Coshmore and Coshbride ... County Waterford* (Dublin: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1851), 83, for Eliza Corcoran, occupier, Chapel Street, Lismore, Lismore and Mocollop Parish; "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864," digital images, as found on *Ancestry.com*. [Document W]

<sup>26</sup> Richard Griffith, *General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland... Barony of Coshmore and Coshbride ... County Waterford* (Dublin: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1851), 55, for Bartholomew Corcoran, occupier, Curraheen South, Lismore and Mocollop Parish; "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864," digital images, as found on *Ancestry.com*. [Document X]

<sup>27</sup> Ireland, Birth Register, 1864, vol. 9, p. 1820 (FHL #101088).



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Bartholomew Corcoran from Curraheen South was the father of Patrick Corcoran.

To see if we could verify this relationship, we searched the County Waterford births and baptism on the website for the Irish Family History Foundation (*RootsIreland.ie*). There we found a Patrick Corcoran born in County Waterford in 1832 as the son of Bartholomew Corcoran. This seemed a very likely match so we purchased the image. Patrick Corcoran was born or baptized in the parish of Tallow in County Waterford, 9 March 1832 to Bartholomew and Eleanor (Parker) Corcoran with John Dunn and Johanna Cuffe as sponsors.<sup>28</sup> This couple had two other children, Eleanor and Michael, in Tallow in 1835 and 1837, respectively.<sup>29</sup> Then their fourth child, Brigid, was born in Lismore, 29 June 1843.<sup>30</sup> This seemed a very likely fit.

However, we also found that there was a Patrick Corcoran born to an Eliza in 1833 so we checked that birth too. This Patrick Corcoran was the son of Edmund Corcoran and Elizabeth Lewis and born in the parish of Portlaw on 10 May 1833. His sponsors were William Corcoran and Anastasia Quin.<sup>31</sup> Even if this turned out to not be the correct birth for the Patrick Corcoran we sought, it at least provided the names of two other Corcoran men living in the area at the time.

We looked for more information about the Bartholomew and Eleanor/Ellen (Parker) Corcoran household. Although it seemed unlikely, we quickly checked to see if they still lived for the 1901 Census of Ireland. Not one Bartholomew Corcoran appeared in that census for County Waterford, and none of the Ellen Corcoran listings were for women old enough to have been Eleanor (Parker) Corcoran. We then looked for probable deaths for each potential parent. None of the matches for the name Bartholomew Corcoran seemed to fit when we searched the Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958 and Ireland, Deaths, 1864-1870 on *FamilySearch.org*. In the Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958, there were few listings for Eleanor Corcoran and many listings for the name Ellen Corcoran. The likeliest match was Ellen Corcoran who died in Lismore between April and June 1885 at the age of 82; making her birth year approximately

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<sup>28</sup> Patrick Corcoran birth (1832), Church Baptism Record, as found on *RootsIreland.ie*. [Document Y]

<sup>29</sup> Eleanor Corcoran birth (1835), Church Baptism Record, as found on *RootsIreland.ie*. [Document Z] and Michael Corcoran birth (1837), Church Baptism Record, as found on *RootsIreland.ie*. [Document AA]

<sup>30</sup> Brigid Corcoran birth (1843), Church Baptism Record, as found on *RootsIreland.ie*. [Document BB]

<sup>31</sup> Patrick Corcoran birth (1833), Church Baptism Record, as found on *RootsIreland.ie*. [Document CC]



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1803.<sup>32</sup>

Since marriage records were not searchable for County Waterford, we went back to the birth and baptism records. We did not find any likely matches for Bartholomew Corcoran or Eleanor/Ellen Parker in the *FamilySearch.org* database Ireland Births and Baptisms, 1620-1881. On the Irish Family History Foundation website, *RootsIreland.ie*, we found a birth for Bartholomew Corcoran in 1801. He was born in the parish of Trinity Within, County Waterford, 17 July 1801 to Bartholomew Corcoran and Mary Burke. His sponsors were John Morissey and Anne Sullivan.<sup>33</sup> There were two matches for the name Ellen Parker in County Waterford circa 1803. The first was born in St. Mary's Clonmel, 16 February 1800 to James Parker and Mary Hackett.<sup>34</sup> The second was born 18 April 1802 in Tallow with Parkdota listed as her address. This exactly matched the oldest three children born to Bartholomew and Eleanor/Ellen (Parker) Corcoran. In addition, Ellen Parker's parents were John Parker and Margaret Corcoran.<sup>35</sup> This seemed a very likely match for the mother of Patrick Corcoran so we went back and ordered the death record for Ellen Corcoran from 1885. We will also mail this record to you when it arrives.

We returned to Griffith's Valuation to see if we could get an idea of the Ahearn families in the Lismore area between 1848 and 1864. There were 173 listings for Ahearn and its spelling variations in County Waterford. Only four Ahearn listings appeared for Lismore specifically, but there were many Ahern occupiers and lessors for that area. The closest match to the physical location in which Ellen Ahearn raised a family with Patrick Corcoran was Curraheen South. There, Augustus Ahern occupied a house, offices, and land.<sup>36</sup> Patrick and Ellen (Ahearn) Corcoran's third son was named Augustine so it seemed very possible that this Augustus Ahern was a relative. Ordinarily, the second son was named for the mother's father; that would make his name Michael in this case. The third son was named for the father, but in this family, Patrick was the fourth son. There were two listings for Michael Ahern in the parish of Lismore and Mocollop in Griffith's

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<sup>32</sup> Ellen Corcoran death (1885), Ireland, Civil Registration Indexes, 1845-1958, <https://familysearch.org/>.

**[Document DD]**

<sup>33</sup> Bartholomew Corcoran birth (1801), Church Baptism Record, as found on *RootsIreland.ie*. **[Document EE]**

<sup>34</sup> Ellen Parker birth (1800), Church Baptism Record, as found on *RootsIreland.ie*. **[Document FF]**

<sup>35</sup> Ellen Parker birth (1802), Church Baptism Record, as found on *RootsIreland.ie*. **[Document GG]**

<sup>36</sup> Richard Griffith, *General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland... Barony of Coshmore and Coshbride ... County Waterford* (Dublin: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1851), 55, for Augustus Ahern, occupier, Curraheen South, Lismore and Mocollop Parish; "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864," digital images, as found on *Ancestry.com*. **[Document X]**





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Valuation. One occupied a house and garden in Cooladalane Upper,<sup>37</sup> and the other did so in Monvore.<sup>38</sup>

The Irish Family History Foundation (*RootsIreland.ie*) did not give any matches for Ellen Ahearn as the daughter of Augustus/Augustine Ahearn. There were seven females named Ellen/Eleanor Ahearn/Hearn born between 1830 and 1850 to Michael Ahearn. The only one whose surname was spelled as Ahearn was born in 1842 in Ardfinnan (just over the border into County Tipperary). Specifically in Lismore, there was an Eleanor Ahearn born in 1835 and three females named Helen Hearn born in 1836, 1837, and 1844. Finally, there were two girls named Eleanor Hearn born in Tallow in 1830 and 1832. Since none of these results seemed more likely than the others and could not be narrowed further, we did not purchase any of the records at this time.

We pulled up the ordinance maps for the property occupied by Patrick Corcoran's probable father, Bartholomew Corcoran, and Ellen Ahearn's probable relative, Augustus Ahern, in Griffith's Valuation. The two properties did share a border in one section.<sup>39</sup>

## Russell Family

We originally intended to plan our next steps researching the Russell family. To do so, we checked again to see if the Irish Family History Foundation (*RootsIreland.ie*) or the Irish Genealogy website (*IrishGenealogy.ie*) had updated their County Cork South records. The first website did not have any County Cork South updates nor was that area next to be included. The Irish Genealogy website had a list of parishes included in the church records for County Cork. As of 18 August 2010, this website featured baptisms and marriages for Ballygarvan (Ballinhassig) from 1875-1880, for Douglas & Ballygarvan from 1851-1867, and for Carrigaline & Templebrigid from 1826-1880. Since our report to you was date for December, we surmised that there were probably not any

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<sup>37</sup> Richard Griffith, *General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland... Barony of Coshmore and Coshbride ... County Waterford* (Dublin: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1851), 51, for Michael Ahern, occupier, Cooladalane Upper, Lismore and Mocollop Parish; "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864," digital images, as found on *Ancestry.com*. [Document HH]

<sup>38</sup> Richard Griffith, *General Valuation of Rateable Property in Ireland... Barony of Coshmore and Coshbride ... County Waterford* (Dublin: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1851), 93, for Michael Ahern, occupier, Monvore, Lismore and Mocollop Parish; "Ireland, Griffith's Valuation, 1848-1864," digital images, as found on *Ancestry.com*. [Document II]

<sup>39</sup> Ordnance Survey Office: Phoenix Park, *Ordnance Survey of Ireland, 1834-1845*, 28 (Dublin, Ireland: Hodges & Smith), as found on *Ancestry.com*. [Document JJ]



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updated records.

In running a search for Edward Russell to see if any new information was listed, we found his marriage to Mary Sullivan. The two wed in the parish of Douglas & Ballygarvan on 19 July 1856, and their witnesses were Ned Russell and Murty Sullivan.<sup>40</sup> We found Elizabeth Russell, baptized 27 September 1857, who was probably their eldest child. Her sponsors were Bartholomew Ahern and Elizabeth Collins.<sup>41</sup> We then identified their son, Edmond, who was baptized there on 13 January 1861. His sponsors were James Russell and Mary Sullivan.<sup>42</sup> Next we found the baptism for John Russell dated 5 August 1863. His sponsors were Williams Collins and Mary Daly.<sup>43</sup> None of the other children thought to belong to Edward Russell and Mary (O')Sullivan seemed to have baptisms included in these church records.

With our remaining time, we took a quick look for Edward Russell and Mary Sullivan having been baptized in the Ballygarvan area. We found six males with variations of the name Edmund Russell (which is how Edward was recorded on his son Edmond's baptism) and the address Ballygarvan who were baptized between 1812 and 1833. The church records available did not seem to have any matches for Mary Sullivan. However, since there were obviously more records than in our previous search, a more thorough searching of these church records is recommended.

## Conclusion

In this round, we confirmed data on the Guthrie family line in County Clare, Ireland. We also identified probable parents for Patrick Corcoran and possible relatives of Ellen Ahearn in County Waterford, Ireland. We were also able to locate the marriage record

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<sup>40</sup> Edward Russell and Mary Sullivan marriage (1856),

<http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/reels/cork%20%26%20ross.douglas%20%26%20ballygarvan.p4790.00354.pdf>. **[Document KK]**

<sup>41</sup> Elizabeth Russell baptism (1857),

<http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/reels/cork%20%26%20ross.douglas%20%26%20ballygarvan.p4790.00322.pdf>. **[Document LL]**

<sup>42</sup> Edmond Russell baptism (1861),

<http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/reels/cork%20%26%20ross.douglas%20%26%20ballygarvan.p4790.00330.pdf>. **[Document MM]**

<sup>43</sup> John Russell baptism (1863),

<http://churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie/reels/cork%20%26%20ross.douglas%20%26%20ballygarvan.p4790.00338.pdf>. **[Document NN]**



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and three more baptismal records for Edward Russell and Mary (O')Sullivan.

## Suggestions for Further Research

### Guthrie family

Should you like, we could continue to research John Joseph Guthrie's arrival in the United States. If you have not done so already, we recommend ordering the actual naturalization documents indexed for him. Usually, the naturalization will include the name of the ship and at least the approximate date of its arrival. There may also be other family members listed or other pertinent data to round out your knowledge of John Joseph Guthrie. We can purchase copies of the naturalization from The National Archives for the rate of \$7.50. In addition, we could take another look at ship passenger lists for Guthrie family members and even the cousin, Eddie Grant. This continued work in American sources would probably only need up to five hours of research.

We could travel to the Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics to obtain the death record for Mary (Curtin) Guthrie. This should indicate more about her birth date and location. The registry charges \$9 per hour spent onsite, and we would need a minimum of one hour to travel and transcribe the record.

As explained, the Catholic church records for County Clare need to be accessed locally. The Clare Heritage and Genealogical Centre holds all pre-1900 Roman Catholic Church Records for the 47 parishes in County Clare. You can hire them directly for a fee. We have included the information about doing so for your convenience. Otherwise, the National Library of Ireland also holds the Kilnaboy and Rath (Corofin) records for the Diocese of Killaloe. We have included a print out of the catalog entry for these records. The library does not offer research services but has provided a list of local researchers you could contact to research on your behalf. This list has also been included. We hope these resources may prove useful to you in your future research into County Clare, Ireland.

### Corcoran family

As we suggested previously, contacting the Waterford Heritage Genealogy Centre or a researcher local to the National Library of Ireland would be necessary to gather Roman



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Catholic marriage records for County Waterford, Ireland. If the parents' names were listed on the marriage record for Patrick Corcoran and Ellen Ahearn, it will greatly facilitate further research on these family lines. In addition, we recommend gathering the marriage record for Bartholomew Corcoran and Eleanor/Ellen/Helen Parker. This being the likeliest match for Patrick Corcoran's parents, their marriage record should list at least the father of the bride and the father of the groom.

To continue searching for Ellen Ahearn's parents without being able to see at least her father from her marriage record would mean purchasing quite a few records. We could purchase all of the possible Ellen/Helen/Eleanor Ahearn/Ahern/Hearn births and baptisms between 1830 and 1850. We could also spend more time gathering the names of the Ahearn families in the area in and around Curraheen and following them to see who may have been the right age to have Ellen Ahearn circa 1833 or 1843. Since there appeared to have been quite a few Ahearn/Ahern residences in County Waterford in the Griffith's Valuation, this line alone could take about ten hours.

Working backwards with the parents of Patrick Corcoran and Ellen Ahearn, we could search for the households in the Tithing Applotment Books as well as continue searching births and baptisms as well as civil registrations. When we have a better idea of where the families lived, we can try to locate and map their property. We estimate five to ten hours for this research.

## **Russell Family**

Since the Irish Genealogy website at *IrishGenealogy.ie* does have more church records from Ballygarvan available through 1867, we could continue most of the research on the Russell family. For now, the only way to access the parish records for Douglas & Ballygarvan for 1867 through 1880 would be to hire one of the local researchers or someone who can access the National Library of Ireland collection.

Otherwise, post-1864 civil records can be ordered through the General Register Office of Ireland. For example, we previously recommended ordering the four death records for Mary Russell to look for a match for Mary (Sullivan) Russell. With your permission, we could still do so. We could also look for Edward/Edmund Russell's pre-1901 death and order it (or the various possibilities).

We now have other members of the Russell and Sullivan surnames residing in the



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Ballygarvan area thanks to the sponsors listed on the baptisms and marriage for Edward Russell and Mary Sullivan. In searching for these baptisms, we came across others with those surnames which may also prove useful in identifying family units. Like with your other family lines, we can explore Griffith's Valuation to see if we can find possible parents for Edward Russell and Mary (O')Sullivan. Since Edward and Mary (Sullivan) Russell were married as early as 1856, we may even find their residence and be able to map it for you.

You may also wish to have us rent the Valuation lists for Cork County, Cork Rural District, 1855-1952 from the Family History Library (at the rate of \$5.50 per roll). The Ballygarvan electoral division is covered in three films (#827148, #827149, and #827174). Having access to later valuation lists would likely give us an indication of when Edward Russell died and perhaps when his relatives in the area did as well. For the continued Irish research for the Russell and Sullivan families, we recommend about twenty hours.

With more time, we could also do more to track the Russell siblings in America. Now that we have more names and birth years to work with, it should be easier to place Michael Vincent Russell's siblings. In doing so, we would likely pick up more details about Edward Russell and Mary Sullivan and possibly their parents and siblings. This research in American sources would likely only need about five hours.

## **Organization Suggestions**

Should you still wish it, we can organize your information into an updated genealogy program. If you are still unable to obtain a version we can import, please print off or create digital images of all of your information to send to us. As we said in our meeting, we tend to prefer the program Roots Magic (unless your personal computer is a Mac). With your next research case, we could sell you this program for \$15 (which is half the usual price). We would enter all your previous information and our recently obtained data into the program on our end and supply you with a copy to import when you install Roots Magic on your home computer. Depending on how much information this involves and whether you would like all details and citations included, we could do this in about five to fifteen hours.

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The above report was prepared by one of the NEHGS team of research staff. If you have any questions or would like our staff to research this case further, please contact me at the address, e-mail or telephone number above.

Sincerely,

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Director of Research Services



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